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HR_____ CONGRATULATING DAPHNE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2026 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION 6A-7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, highest congratulations are herein proudly
presented to the Daphne High School Girls Wrestling Team for
winning the 2026 Alabama High School Athletic Association
(AHSAA) 6A-7A State Championship at the Von Braun Center in
Huntsville, February 12-14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Daphne Lady Trojans totaled 93 team
points, finishing ahead of runners-up Sparkman and Auburn
for their fourth state title since 2021; and

WHEREAS, two Lady Trojans led the charge with
individual state championships; junior Kimber Alford won the
138-pound title, becoming a back-to-back state champion and
improving her two-year record to 75-4; senior Annabella
Harris won the 145-pound division, finishing the season 50-1
and pinning every opponent she faced at the state
tournament; other impressive performances came from
first-year wrestler Payton Carpenter, new weight class
wrestler Taliah Wade, and new state competitor Malazia
Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Daphne High School Girls Wrestling Team
roster includes athletes from seventh through 12th grades
and is comprised of Payton Carpenter, Lydia Pruitt, Danielle



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29 Selman, McKenzie Nguyen, Ja'Laysha Burnette, Aaliyah Miller,
30 Isabella Ledezma, Amber Mims, Juliet Todd, Lilly Harrison,
31 Kimber Alford, Annabella Harris, Makenna Carter, Mila White,
32 Taliah Wade, Ana Rodriguez, and Malazia Johnson; and

33 WHEREAS, the success of these student athletes is a
34 testament to the leadership of Head Coach Matt Gilson, who
35 completed his first season after taking over for longtime
36 coach Greg Jefcoat, and Assistant Coaches Bailey, Reid, and
37 Alford; they have also received the support of Daphne High
38 School's faculty and families, and are the pride of the
39 entire Daphne community; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
41 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend and
42 congratulate the Daphne High School Girls Wrestling Team for
43 winning the 2026 AHSAA 6A-7A State Championship and for
44 representing the school and the State of Alabama with the
45 highest degree of sportsmanship and excellence.